

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment is submitted on a preliminary basis and is provided to facilitate the prosecution of this application. More specifically, claims 1 through 13 have been withdrawn and/or canceled in light of the December 13, 2004 Office Action, without prejudice to presenting the content thereof in a continuing application. Claims 14 through 25 have been elected as Group II of the invention and remain in their original form.

In addition, however, the Applicant submits herewith new independent claim 26 and claims 27 - 41 which depend either directly or indirectly therefrom. These claims are believed to read on the third embodiment noted by the Examiner in the aforementioned Office Action, and are submitted herewith in order to emphasize and/or more distinctly claim the structural features of Applicant's invention. Clear antecedent basis for these newly submitted claims is found throughout the drawings and specification and is specifically, but not exclusively, detailed on pages 23 through 27. Care was taken not to add any new subject matter.

In addition, a minor amendment to the specification has been made on page 27, as indicated above, in order to overcome any informalities and inconsistencies between the language of the specification and the content of the drawings.

The Examiner's consideration of this application as amended herein is greatly appreciated. Further, it is believed that

Applicant's invention, as now defined in the claims of this application, is clearly distinguishable and therefore patentably distinct from the prior art. Favorable action of this application is therefore respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees that may arise due to the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 13-1227.

Respectfully submitted,

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